

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments to the claims have been made to comply with examiner recommendations, to clarify aspects in the claims and to refine claim language. The amendments are consistent with the disclosure originally filed. The amendments have also been particularly presented to avoid, where applicable, any admission or estoppel, generally, negatively effecting the scope of protection provided by the disclosure and claims of the present application, and particularly to avoid prosecution history estoppel, limitation of the scope of equivalences, or the like. Claims 1-29 remain in this application.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 19 as discussed in the interview conducted on September 19, 2006. Applicant asserts that the claims are not covered by the prior art, namely Japanese Patent No. 3-188887.

Should any unintended informality exist, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that it may be resolved as expediently as possible. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the application and allow all claims at his earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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